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Title : Ambient Pressure Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI)
Apparatus and Method of Analysis
Docket No. : 10980322-4

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

1. Type of Application
This new application is for a(n)
☒ Utility (non provisional)
☐ Design
☐ Plant
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
3. ☒ Specification, including Description, Claims and Abstract (Total Page: 23)
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total sheets 10)
5. Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventors (Signed statement attached deleting inventors(s) named in the prior application.) See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

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37 CFR §1.10

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7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if application, all necessary)
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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ii. ☐ Paper
c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
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☐ is attached. A separate ☐ "COVERSHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or ☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.
☐ will follow.
9. ☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) (Power of Attorney by Assignee)
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☐ Copies of citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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17. ☐ Other
18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:
☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no. 09/146,817, filed 09/04/1998.

Prior application information:

Examiner: Kiet T. Nguyen Group Art Unit: 2878

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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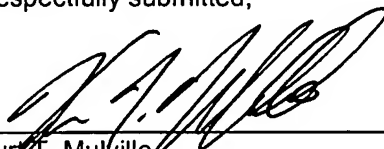
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BASIC FILING FEE:						\$770.00
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- C. ☐ This application is being filed without fee or Declaration under 37 CFR §1.53.

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